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1. THE DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED BELOW CONTAINS A PROVISIONAL  
AGENDA WITH ANNOTATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF  
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 13-17.

2. MISSION NOTES THAT PARAGRAPH 1 ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
CONTAINS PROVISION FOR A FIVE-MAN BUREAU. PARAGRAPH 2 NOTES  
THAT NO SUMMARY RECORDS WILL BE PROVIDED. MISSION STRONGLY  
SUPPORTS THAT APPROACH. PARAGRAPH 3, DISCUSSES, INTER ALIA,  
THE NEED TO AGREE ON CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE  
WILL BE CONVENED AS WELL AS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

QUOTE

COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 32/174, FIRST SESSION 13-17  
FEBRUARY 1978

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE GOVERNED BY RULE

161 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY WHICH PROVIDE THAT "THE RULES RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE OF COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS RULES 45 AND 60, SHALL APPLY TO THE PROCEDURE OF ANY SUBSIDIARY ORGAN UNLESS THE ASSEMBLY OR THE SUBSIDIARY ORGAN DECIDES OTHERWISE".

RESOLUTION 32/174, PARAGRAPH 8, PROVIDES THAT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE PLACE ANNUALLY.

UNDER RULE 103 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, THE MAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EACH ELECT A CHAIRMAN, TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN AND A RAPporteur. IT WILL BE RECALLED, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT THE TWO MOST RECENT COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING, ELECTED FIVE OFFICERS, THAT IS, A CHAIRMAN, THREE VICE-CHAIRMEN AND A RAPporteur.

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA HAS BEEN DRAWN UP ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AT ITS FIRST SESSION THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS.

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(XXIV), PARAGRAPH 10 (B), THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WITH SUMMARY RECORDS, SINCE SUMMARY RECORDS WERE NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 32/174.

## 3. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 32/174, PARAGRAPH 4, PROVIDES THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY ACTING AS THE FOCAL POINT IN:

(A) OVERSEEING AND MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN THE APPROPRIATE BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

(B) PROVIDING IMPETUS FOR RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES IN NEGOTIATIONS AND EXPEDITING AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES;

(D) EXPLORING AND EXCHANGING VIEWS ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND PRIORITIES.

PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION PRESCRIBES THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED, DURING THE

INTERSESSIONAL PERIODS UNTIL THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1980, AND PARAGRAPH 7 PRE-  
SCRIBES THAT THE COMMITTEE "MAY ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE WORKING  
ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS TASK".

ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO AGREE ON THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE MAY BE CONVENED, AND  
THE PROCEDURE FOR CONVENING IT "AS AND WHEN REQUIRED", AND TO  
DISCUSS OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO ENABLE THE  
COMMITTEE TO DISCHARGE THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO IT.  
IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE RESOLUTION, THE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDED  
THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE AT A HIGH LEVEL.

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ITS ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE RESOLUTION WHEREBY  
THE ASSEMBLY (A) REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE  
THAT THE COMMITTEE RECEIVES THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO  
ENABLE IT TO ACCOMPLISH ITS TASKS, AND (B) AUTHORIZED THE  
COMMITTEE TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC  
REPORTS IN THIS REGARD TO CO-OPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE  
ORGANS, ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER BODIES AND CONFERENCES OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO BEAR IN MIND  
THESE PROVISIONS IN SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR ITS FUTURE  
CONVENING.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE RESOLUTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE "TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON ITS WORK AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD  
AND THIRTY-FOURTH SESSIONS AND AT THE SPECIAL SESSION TO BE  
HELD IN 1980".

THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO AGREE ON THE TIMING AND THE  
FORM OF ITS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-  
THIRD SESSION.

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